

# Exhibit 31



## Undervalued Spotlight #386



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Undervalued Spotlight



Amazing Spider-Man #258, Marvel Comics, November

1984.

This past weekend I set up at the Toronto Comics Con and I'm happy to report that it was a very busy show with lots and lots of people looking for and buying comics, there was good comic book energy in the room and it was nice to see.

I did give myself a mission before I went into the con, I had to come back with at least 3 good Undervalued Spotlight candidates. I'd go in open minded, I'd look for patterns, I'd listen to chatter.

Mission accomplished and my 1st con inspired book I'd like to go with a bite sized one

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Spidey #300 will continue to be a hot book during the whole run up to the Venom movie release in October 2018. The great thing about the whole Spider-Man, Venom, black costume, symbiote thing is that there are a lot of important issues associated with this sweeping tale. There are the 1st black costume issues Amazing Spider-Man #252, Spectacular Spider-Man #90 and Marvel Team-Up #141. There is also Marvel Super-Hero Secret Wars #8 which tells how the costume came to be.

I'm sure most people know about the young fan Randy Schueller winning a new ideas

contest Marvel was having back in 1982. Marvel editor Jim



Shooter

liked Randy's black costume as a living being idea so much he bought the idea off the young man for \$220. Because the idea was latched onto in 1982 there are actually quite a few pre-ASM #252 appearances of the black costume, check out this [cool site](#) for more info.

All the above mentioned books are enjoying robust demand these days and their prices have been steadily climbing. One of our ASM #300 purchasers this past weekend actually had Secret Wars #8, ASM #299 and ASM #258 in his pile. For some reason I questioned the ASM #258 and he explained to me that he thought that it was an important piece of the Venom puzzle.

Intrigued I read up a little on the whole subject after which I was convinced that this week's Undervalued Spotlight should shine on Amazing Spider-Man #258.

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wrote in Black Widow sewing Parker a cloth one that would sporadically appear on Amazing Spider-Man covers over the next few years.

Amazing Spider-Man #258 also boasts a fantastic Ron Frenz cover that beautifully and wordlessly explaining everything. This issue is also part of the story-line in which we learn that Mary Jane Watson knows Peter Parker is in fact Spider-Man (revealed in #257).

Amazing Spider-Man #258 represents a cheap \$5 entry into the epic black costume/Venom collecting craze. This comic is not on an investing level with ASM #252 or Secret Wars #8 but it does belong in all collections centering around this epic chapter in Spidey's storied career and it represents an affordable way to participate in the festivities. Of course I think it is currently being ignores and thus is undervalued.

The 47th Overstreet price break for this book is \$6/\$8/\$10 in the 8.0/9.0/9.2 grade splits.

Reasons to buy this comic book as an investment:

- Fantastic Ron Frenz cover
- Peter Parker rids himself of the symbiote black costume
- Important issue embedded in the most collected title there is, Amazing Spider-Man

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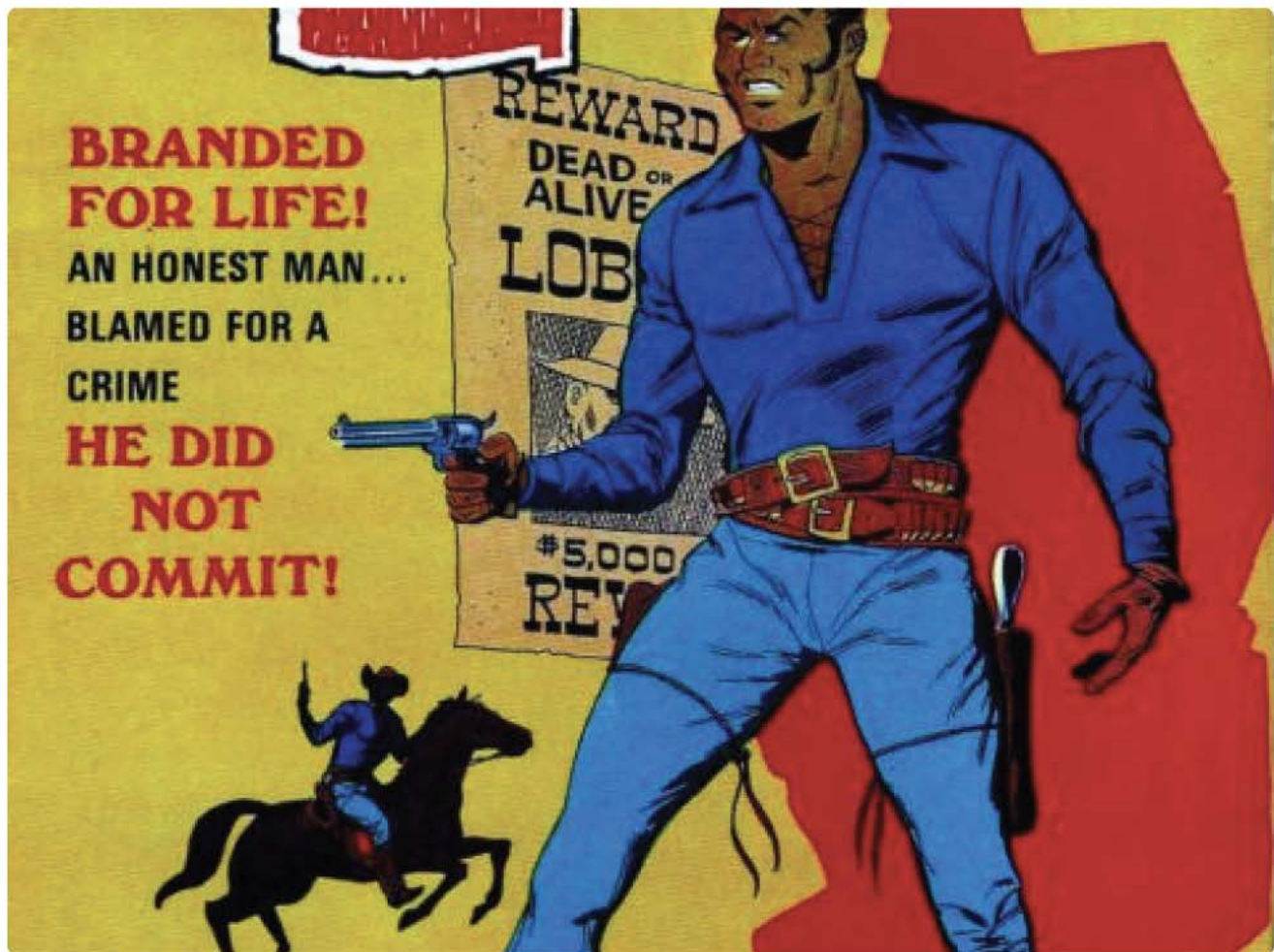
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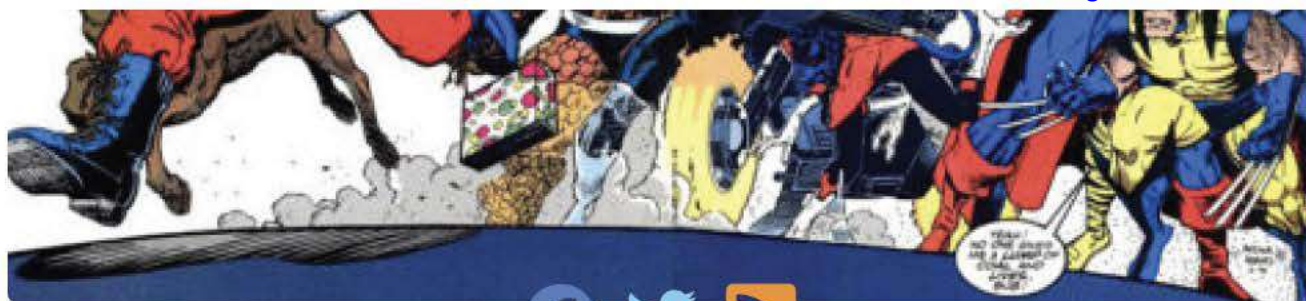
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mel taylor on Who Came First?

June 3, 2022

Walt, the wide range of your conversation never ceases to amaze me. You even managed to referenc



Klaus on Canadiana

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I see Better #1 has pushed into the realm where us poor folks could never afford it.



Klaus on Cosmicon

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Wayne Morgan: Is this the poster you're referring to? [https://www.etsy.com/ca/listing/1184195911/verclick\\_key=8a1e09b394170e173b9dab7a7e7db0c5dc597ef9%3A1184195911&click\\_sum=e217600986&frs=1](https://www.etsy.com/ca/listing/1184195911/verclick_key=8a1e09b394170e173b9dab7a7e7db0c5dc597ef9%3A1184195911&click_sum=e217600986&frs=1) It's an expensive little thing.



Alex Sorensen on Who Came First?

June 1, 2022

Fun show. Tec 38 was on sale March 6, 1940 while Batman 1 on sale April 24, 1940. And that...



activejim on Who Came First?

June 1, 2022

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